draft report submitted to the Ministry by CAG, some irregularities have been reported in the implementation of NREGS. These mainly relate to procedures such as application for employment, issue of dated receipts, job card formats, muster rolls, maintenance of record registers. The draft report has been examined in the Ministry and has also been shared with all the States. The States have given their responses to the observations made by CAG in the draft report. These have been sent to CAG. State responses are in the process of examination by CAG for finalisation of the performance audit report of NREGA. In addition, complaints have also been received from various quarters regarding irregularities in the implementation of NREGA. State-wise details of the complaints along with the action taken by the Ministry thereon have been put on the website www.nrega.nic.in under the heading "Complaints".

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Suggestions have been received from various quarters for effective implementation of NREGA. These relate to payment of wages through Bank/Post Office accounts of NREGA workers and revision of guidelines and formats under NREGA.

(e) Steps taken by the Government for effective implementation of NREGA are:

(i) Awareness generation

(ii) People's participation

(iii) Transparency

(iv) Strict vigilance and monitoring

(v) MIS/e-knowledge network

Construction of houses under IAY

†2148. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses constructed, as on date during the last three years under Indira Awaas Yojana particularly in backward rural regions in the country alongwith the details of open and constructed area allotted to houses;

(b) the number of persons living in rural areas of the country, particularly national capital of Delhi, who don't have housing facility as-on-date; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to provide housing facility to the homeless rural people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c) With a view to providing housing facility to the homeless rural people, the Ministry of Rural Development is implementing Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) Scheme throughout the country, except Delhi and Chandigarh, under which financial assistance is provided to the rural BPL households for construction of a house. As per the information furnished by the Registrar General of India, based on 2001 Census, the total housing shortage in rural areas in the country was 148.34 lakh as on 1.4.2001. The rural housing shortage in Delhi was reported to be 7200. Since inception of the Scheme in 1985-86, 174.14 lakh houses have been constructed under the Scheme. A statement showing State-wise number of houses constructed under IAY during the last three years and the current year, is given in the enclosed Statement.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

State-wise number of houses constructed/upgraded during the last three years and current year i.e. 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07 *and* 2007-08 *under the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY)*

Units in Nos.

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UTs	Number of Houses Constructed/Upgraded during			
		2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08#
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	126039	132521	146403	144433
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	4162	5327	4600	3699
3.	Assam	129495	104353	125441	92416
4.	Bihar	252026	331651	349053	333448
5.	Chhattisgarh	20134	26578	20818	15223
6.	Goa	428	615	1115	636
7.	Gujarat	33654	65602	65195	64299
8.	Haryana	8845	9743	10375	8163
9.	Himachal Pradesh	4749	3031	3317	1875
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	7252	8231	10667	7124
11.	Jharkhand	66081	75403	57246	34830
12.	Karnataka	50707	56944	49088	32001
13.	Kerala	39831	36413	30817	19528
14.	Madhya Pradesh	75365	59420	54544	38383
15.	Maharashtra	105449	94274	78427	56624
16.	Manipur	5820	4962	3460	3379
17.	Meghalaya	4665	6678	4183	1758
18.	Mizoram	2052	2182	2178	1250
19.	Nagaland	5099	7949	6321	5628
20.	Orissa	89891	87070	81345	97590
21.	Punjab	4460	7868	8250	9754
22.	Rajasthan	31070	38471	33397	18331
23.	Sikkim	1584	1296	1554	1063
24.	Tamil Nadu	58687	66434	27919	88837
25.	Tripura	12132	11902	10612	1622
26.	Uttar Pradesh	199096	185541	165469	173893
27.	Uttaranchal	26376	21722	17239	10998
28.	West Bengal	155598	99259	128838	70065
29.	A&N Islands	337	90	62	297
30.	D&N Haveli	108	101	77	0
31.	Daman & Diu	9	6	8	11
32.	Lakshadweep	16	48	88	92
33.	Pondicherry	88	238	261	82
	TOTAL :	1521305	1551923	1498367	1337332

Position as on 17-3-2008